allow private parties to file criminal prosecutions, it has to be done under section 476 of the Criminal Procedure Code. First of all, a petition to secure sanction has to be filed. And after sanction is accorded, the party may not immediately launch the prosecution but use it to blackmail others. So to prevent that Government have taken this step.

"The last point made much of by Dr. John was about the omnibus clause 9. I am very sorry that such a person should have said that in no legislation in a civilised country is there that saving power. I can understand his contention if Government had come forward with a single-clause Bill saying that Government hereby take all power to do anything to prevent improper alienation of communal lands, etc. This clause is to be used to remove any difficulty that may arise in giving effect to the provisions of this Bill. Dr. John, being a lawyer himself, must know the various difficulties that arise in the actual working of any enactment. It is only in such cases this power is to be used. It is not an imaginary power to do anything that you want to do under the moon that is conferred by this clause. Therefore it is not proper to confuse issues by saying that this is an outrageous power that any civilised Government can wield. I do not wish to say anything more. There is no necessity for any alarming interpretation on a very innocent clause. I request the House to pass the Bill."

The motion that the Madras Estates Communal, Forest and Private Lands (Prohibition of Alienation) Bill, 1947 (L.A. Bill No. 26 of 1947) as passed by the Legislative Assembly be taken into consideration at once was put and carried. 3-45 p.m.

Clauses 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 1 and the Preamble were put and carried.

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I move, Sir—

'*that the Madras Estates Communal, Forest and Private Lands (Prohibition of Alienation) Bill*, 1947 (*L.A. Bill No.* 26 *of* 1947) *as passed by the Legislative Assembly be passed into law.*' "

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed into law.

IV.—GOVERNMENT MOTION *RE* ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER TO THE STANDING ADVISORY BOARD FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" Sir, I move—

'*that this Council do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. the President to elect one member of this Council to be a member of the Standing Advisory Board for Technical Education, constituted in G.O. No.* 1829, *Education, dated the* 19*th August* 1947.'

"I am sure, Sir, that hon. Members of this House would like to know the constitution of the Board as well as the objects for

which it is constituted. The functions of the Board will be to advise the Government on all matters of technical and technological education of all types including university standard, diploma standard, and artisan standard, on a properly co-ordinated basis to meet the requirements and developments of this Province and India as a whole and to examine the technical and technological education of this Province in all its aspects and make recommendations with a view to re-organise it on a basis that will make it more useful, efficient and up to date.

" The constitution of the Board will be as follows :—

' *Chairman* :

Minister for Education.

Members :

Hon. Minister for Public Works.
Director of Public Instruction.
Chief Engineer, General, Buildings and Defence.
Chief Engineer, Electricity.
Chief Engineer, Highways.
Chief Engineer, Irrigation.
Principal, College of Engineering, Guindy.
Principal, Arthur Hope College of Technology, Coimbatore.
Principal, Engineering College, Vizagapatam (Cocanada).
Director or Joint Director of Industries.

One Technical representative of the Institution of Engineers (India), South India Centre, Madras.

Three representatives of the Universities (one from each of the Madras, Andhra and Annamalai Universities).

One technical nominee of the Institute of Science, Bangalore.

Three members of the Madras Legislature—two from the Legislative Assembly and one from the Legislative Council.

Chief Engineers, Madras and Southern Mahratta and South Indian Railways.

Six members to be nominated by Government to represent various industries and the public.

The Principal of the Engineering College, Guindy, will be the Secretary to the Board.'

" The object of the Board is to go into the matter of technical education as well as to find the manpower that will be necessary for the development of the country in its various spheres. The Government appointed an Expert Committee of high grade engineers in connexion with the organization of the two Engineering Colleges of Coimbatore and Cocanada. That Expert Committee had recommended that a Board for technical education like the one formed now will be in the interests of the administration of technical education in this Province and in accordance with that recommendation this Board has been constituted."

* SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Have we the privilege of expressing our views on the necessity or otherwise for the constitution of the Board, Sir, or have we no voice in the matter? "

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MR. PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member can say what he wants to say."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" First of all it would have greatly helped the hon. Members of this House if the Hon. Minister for Education had furnished us with a copy of the G.O. which he read. Then we would have formulated our views . . ."

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" May I submit, Sir, that the matter has been exhaustively published in the Press? "

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Press is not the means, Sir, which the Government always seek to convey their decisions."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Was not the Government Order published in the Gazette? "

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" I believe it has been, Sir, as all Government Orders are."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" No, Sir. It was not published in the Gazette. I look into the Gazette carefully. The Government would have enabled us, if while giving notice of this motion they had also given us a copy of the Government Order, to express some of our views. The Hon. Minister has only given us an idea of the object of Government in constituting the Board."

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" I do not think the Government Order will contain much more, Sir. I have read the Government Order—the whole of the relevant portion of the Government Order."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Can you let the hon. Member have a copy of the Government Order? "

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" That would enable us, Sir, at the time of the election to send a suitable person to sit on the Board."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The Hon. Minister can send some copies to the Members."

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIYAR :—" If the Hon. President thinks it necessary it will certainly be circulated to the hon. Members of the House, Sir."

The motion was put and carried.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" With reference to the motion of the Hon. Minister for Education just now carried, I have to announce to the House that I shall publish the date for nomination and also the date of election later on. The House now stands adjourned *sine die*."

V.—PAPER LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

The Madras Estates Communal, Forest and Private Lands (Prohibition of Alienation) Bill, 1947 (*L.A. Bill No.* 26 *of* 1947) *passed by the Assembly and received therefrom in the Council.*